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SUBJ: KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON LEBANESE CRISIS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ACCORDING TO KUWAIT DAILY, AL QABAS, FOREIGN MINISTER SHEIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD, MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO PRESS JULY 1

AT AIRPORT UPON HIS DEPARTURE TO ATTEND ARAB LEAGUE CONFERENCE IN CAIRO:

QUOTE: "IN THE NAME OF THE AMIR, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT,

I URGE SYRIA AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE CEASEFIRE, STOP

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BLOODSHED, WORK FOR SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

AND STOP MARGINAL BATTLES WHICH BENEFIT ONLY THE ENEMIES OF THE ARABS  
AND  
OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION." UNQUOTE

2. REFERRING TO LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLOUD'S STATEMENT THAT THERE  
IS  
AN INTERNATIONAL PLOT IN WHICH ARAB STATES ARE PARTICIPATING, SHEIKH  
SABAH SAID:

QUOTE "I AGREE WITH BROTHER JALLOUD THAT IT IS AN INTERNATIONAL PLOT  
AGAINST LEBANON BUT I DISAGREE WITH HIM THAT THERE IS AN ARAB PLOT."  
UNQUOTE

3. SHEIKH SABAH ADDED: QUOTE "WE HOPE THAT WE SUCCEED IN THE  
MEETING AND IN WORKING FOR RECONCILIATION AMONG THE WARRING PARTIES  
IN LEBANON. HOWEVER, THIS RECONCILIATION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE  
RIFLE AND GUN, BUT BY CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING. ON  
SATURDAY KUWAITI MILITARY PLANES WILL MOVE NORTH YEMENI FORCES TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORTS OF ARAB PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN LEBANON."  
UNQUOTE

4. ON POSTPONEMENT OF JIDDA MEETING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30,  
SHEIKH SABAH SAID: QUOTE "THE PURPOSE OF JIDDA MEETING IS THE SAME  
AS THAT OF THE ARAB LEAGUE WHICH SEEKS TO IMPLEMENT ARAB LEAGUE  
RESOLUTIONS ON LEBANON THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPLIED.

5. ASKED ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT OF GULF STATES FOREIGN MINISTERS  
CONFERENCE, SHEIKH SABAH NOTED: QUOTE: "THE DATE OF THE CONFERENCE  
HAS NOT BEEN SET YET TO BE POSTPONED. IT IS UP TO ME TO SET THE DATE."

UNQUOTE

6. SHEIKH SABAH CONCLUDED: QUOTE: "EVERY DROP OF BLOOD SHED IN  
LEBANON IS ARAB BLOOD AND WE NEED THAT BLOOD FOR OUR BROTHERS WHO  
FALL MARTYRS ON OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY. WE ARE GOING TO THE  
LEAGUE MEETING TO STOP THAT BLOODSHED. WE ARE SORRY THAT  
FIGHTING IS ESCALATING. I WISH TO REPEAT THAT IT IS AN INTERNATIONAL  
AND NOT AN ARAB CONSPIRACY." UNQUOTE END UNCLASSIFIED

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7. COMMENT: ABOVE REMARKS ARE THE MEAGER RESULT OF GOK'S  
CONSIDERATION (REFTEL) OF WHAT PUBLIC POSITION MIGHT BE TAKEN IN  
ORDER TO RESPOND TO LOCAL PRESSURE TO CONDEMN SYRIA AND RIGHTIST  
ROLE IN LEBANON. APPARENTLY, IT WAS WILLING TO GO ONLY TO EXTENT  
OF NAMING SYRIA AND REFERRING TO THE "OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES" AS A  
GROUP IN CALLING FOR CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON. GOK STILL REFUSES TO COM-  
MIT ITSELF TO EITHER SIDE DESPITE LOCAL PALESTINIAN AND RADICAL

PRESSURE.  
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